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SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR 1, X PLUS 124, JUNE 1

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM DANANG JUNE 1
REPEATED TO YOUR

QUOTE DANANG 0613

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL IN MR I DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, WITH 10 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS REPORTED CONSISTING OF 9 ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) WITH 91 MORTAR ROUNDS, AND 1 HARASSING INCIDENT. REGIONWIDE CASUALTIES WERE FRIENDLY 6 KIA, 10 WIA; ENEMY 19 KIA, 1 RETURNEE. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 1087 ROUNDS: 466 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 621 SOUTH.

2. GVN MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

BASED ON THE INCREASED PACE OF THE BUILD- UP IN WESTERN MR I (DANANG 596), INTERCEPTED RADIO MESSAGES, AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, I CORPS FORWARD OFFICERS IN HUE, WHILE BY NO MEANS CERTAIN AN ATTACK WILL TAKE PLACE, HAVE INDICATED TO ARRO DIRECTOR HUE THAT THEY ARE TAKING THE THREAT SERIOUSLY. UNITS HAVE BEEN
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RESTRICTED TO QUARTERS AND LEAVES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

3. TPJMC: PRG DEPLOYMENT POSSIBLE

COL. TRUONG TAN THUC, CHIEF OF THE GVN ELEMENT OF ICCS REGION I, JMC, INFORMED ARRO DIRECTOR HUE THAT HE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM SAIGON MAY 31 INSTRUCTING HIM TO BE READY TO RECEIVE THE PRG DELEGATION TO THE JMC IN HUE "VERY SOON". THE QUARTERS ARE READY NOW AND HE IS DISCUSSING OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WITH THE 1 ST ALC. HE NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO A MEETING IN SAIGON ON THE 5 TH TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION. THE ISSUE OF THE SIZE OF THE DELEGATION HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN RESOLVED AND THUC BELIEVES THE PRG GROUP WILL NUMBER BETWEEN 65 AND 72 PEOPLE. THUC'S OWN GROUP IS BEING INCREASED ACCORDINGLY. THUC UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PRG WILL DEPLOY TO ALL REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUT NOT TO THE SUB-REGIONS. HE HAS NO IDEA HOW SAIGON IS DEALING WITH SUCH ISSUES AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, ACCESS TO THE PRESS OR THE PRG'S FORMER OBJECTION TO LIVING ON A MILITARY COMPOUND, BUT HIS DEPUTY, COL. HUNG IS CURRENTLY IN SAIGON ATTEMPTING TO FIND OUT.

4. ICCS ACTIVITY: ATTITUDES TOWARD CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL

A. COMMENTING TO ARRO DIRECTOR HUE ON CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ICCS, CHIEF OF THE GVN JMC ELEMENT ICCS REGION I, COL. TRUONG TAN THUC SAID HE BELIEVES THAT THE ICCS HAS BEEN TOTALLY INEFFECTUAL TO DATE. HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T REALLY BELIEVE THAT CANADA WILL PULL OUT. THE MOVE, HE BELIEVES, IS A GESTURE TO BRING WORLD ATTENTION TO THE FAILURE OF THE ICCS AND PUT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN A BAD LIGHT. AFTER JUNE 6 AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT PARIS TALKS, THE PROSPECTS FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE CEASEFIRE WILL BE BETTER AND HE FEELS THE U. S. WILL THEN BE ABLE TO PERSUADE CANADA TO STAY IN.

B. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GVN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS IN DANANG AND HOI AN, CONGEN OFFICERS HAVE GAINED THE INITIAL IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS NO GREAT CONCERN OVER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE CANADIAN ELEMENT OF THE ICCS. OPINIONS RANGE FROM THE VIEW THAT THE ICCS HAS BEEN INEFFECTIVE ANYWAY TO MILD REGRET AT THE DEPARTURE OF CANADIAN FRIENDS.

5. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY: POSSIBLE PRISONER RELEASE

ARVN INTELLIGENCE REPORTED AT REGULAR I CORPS BRIEFING THAT PRG HAD "18 CIVILIAN PRISONERS" WHICH THEY WERE PREPARING TO RELEASE
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JUNE 1 OR 2 IN THE AREA 10 KMS SOUTH- SOUTHWEST OF TAM KY CITY, QUANG TIN PROVINCE. SIGNED THOMSEN UNQUOTE
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